

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on November 16, 2005.

No claims have been canceled, amended, or added by way of this response. As a result, claims 22-29, 35, 36, 46, and 47 are now pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement Concurrently Submitted

Applicants are concurrently filing a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicants request that a copy of the Form 1449, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicants with the next official communication.

Previously Submitted Information Disclosure Statement and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and 1449 Form on August 25, 2005 and an Information Disclosure Statement and 1449 Form on December 29, 2003. To date, Applicants have not received the Form 1449s filed therewith and marked as being considered by the Examiner. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicants respectfully request that the initialed copies of the 1449 Forms be returned to Applicants' Representatives to indicate that the cited documents have been considered by the Examiner.

Rejection of Claims 1-9 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as Anticipated by Chaudhuri

Claims 22-29, 35, 36, 46, and 47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chaudhuri et al. (U.S. 6,660,560).

In connection with Applicants' "Supplemental Amendment & Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116" filed January 20, 2004, Applicants submitted a declaration under 37 CFR §1.131, which establishes that Applicants invented the inventive subject matter prior to January 5, 2001, which

is prior to the September 10, 2001 filing date of Chaudhuri. In view of the declaration, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn, and that claims 22-29, 35, 36, 46, and 47 are allowable.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 22-29, 35, 36, 46, and 47 are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney, Walter W. Nielsen (located in Phoenix, Arizona) at (602) 298-8920, or the below-signed attorney (located in Minneapolis, Minnesota) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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